

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

The listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

Claims 1-23 (canceled)

Claim 24 (Amended): A method for exchanging fluid with ~~an automobile~~ a vehicle having a steering wheel and a power steering fluid reservoir ~~having~~ with an upper fluid level using a fluid servicing apparatus including a cabinet housing a used fluid receptacle coupled to a drain conduit including a drain pump and a first extension terminating in a free end and a fresh fluid source coupled to a supply conduit including a supply pump and a second extension terminating in a free end comprising:

providing a remote pump actuator device coupled to said drain and supply pumps and including at least one switch selectively operable to actuate either of said pumps;

placing said free ends of said first and second extensions in said power steering fluid reservoir below said upper fluid level;

alternately actuating said drain and supply pump with said switch to repeatedly drain and fill said power steering fluid reservoir while holding said remote actuating device;

rotating a said steering wheel of a said vehicle ~~being serviced~~ to a full extent in a first direction and then to a full extent in the opposite direction while holding said remote actuating device;

observing a fluid color in said power steering reservoir; and

repeating said alternately actuating and rotating steps until a fluid color observed in said observing step is sufficient to indicate a complete power steering fluid exchange.

25. The method as set forth in claim 24 further comprising:

providing a drain valve in said drain conduit;

providing a supply valve in said supply conduit;

opening said drain and supply valves prior to actuating said pumps; and

closing said drain and supply valves after exchanging said power steering fluid.

Claim 26 (canceled)

Claim 27 (New): A method for exchanging fluid with an automobile having a steering wheel and a power steering fluid reservoir having an upper fluid level, the method comprising:

providing a fluid servicing apparatus including a cabinet housing a used fluid receptacle coupled to a drain conduit including drain pump and a first extension terminating in a free end and a fresh fluid source coupled to a supply conduit including a supply pump and a second extension terminating in a free end;

providing a remote pump actuator coupled to said drain and supply pumps and including at least one switch selectively operable to actuate either of said pumps;

placing said free ends of said first and second extensions in said power steering fluid reservoir below said upper fluid level;

alternately actuating said drain and supply pump with said switch to repeatedly drain and fill said power steering fluid reservoir while holding said remote actuating device;

observing a fluid color in said power steering reservoir; and

repeating said alternately actuating step until a fluid color observed in said observing step is sufficient to indicate a complete power steering fluid exchange.

Claim 28 (New): The method for exchanging fluid as set forth in claim 27 further comprising:

rotating said steering wheel of said automobile to a full extent in a first direction at least once and then to a full extent in the opposite direction at least once while holding said remote actuating device.

Claim 29 (New): The method for exchanging fluid as set forth in claim 27 further comprising:

providing a control board on said cabinet and operably coupled to said pumps; and
coupling said remote pump actuator to said control board to electrically couple said switch to said pumps.

Claim 30 (New): The method for exchanging fluid as set forth in claim 27 further comprising:

providing a drain valve in said first extension selectively operable to open and close said drain conduit; and

opening said drain valve prior to actuating said drain pump.

Claim 31 (New): The method for exchanging fluid as set forth in claim 27 further comprising:

providing a supply valve in said second extension selectively operable to open and close said supply conduit; and

opening said supply valve prior to actuating said supply pump.

Claim 32 (New): The method for exchanging fluid as set forth in claim 27 further comprising:

providing a drain valve in said first extension selectively operable to open and close said drain conduit;

providing a supply valve in said second extension selectively operable to open and close said drain conduit:

opening said drain and supply valves prior to actuating said drain and supply pumps.

Claim 33 (New): The method for exchanging fluid as set forth in claim 27 further comprising:

providing a drain filter in fluid communication with said drain conduit upstream of said drain pump.

Claim 34 (New): The method for exchanging fluid as set forth in claim 27 further comprising:

providing a supply filter in fluid communication with said supply conduit upstream of said supply pump.

Claim 35 (New): The method for exchanging fluid set forth in claim 27 further comprising:

magnetically coupling a removable pendant clamp to a docking region of said cabinet;

removably securing said remote pump actuator to said removable pendant clamp when not in use; and

removably securing at least a portion of said drain and supply conduits in said removable pendant clamp when said remote pump actuator is in use.

Claim 36 (New): The method for exchanging fluid as set forth in claim 27 further comprising:

providing first and second extensions that are transparent.

Claim 37 (New): The method for exchanging fluid as set forth in claim 27 further comprising:

providing a control board with a docking region on said cabinet and including a removable pendant clamp having a holder for removably restraining a portion of both conduits when said remote pump actuator is being held.

Claim 38 (New): The method for exchanging fluid as set forth in claim 27 further comprising:

providing a first opening in said used fluid receptacle couplable to an end of said drain conduit opposing said free end and a second opening in said used fluid receptacle couplable to an alternative drain source.

Claim 39 (New): The method for exchanging fluid as set forth in claim 27 further comprising:

providing a control board on said cabinet including a mode switch operatively coupled to said pumps and selectively operable between a first mode for activating said remote pump actuator and a second mode for de-activating said remote pump actuator; and

selecting said first mode prior to operating said pump switch on said remote pump actuator.

Claim 40 (New): A method for exchanging fluid with an automobile power steering fluid reservoir having an upper fluid level, the method comprising:

providing a used fluid receptacle and a fresh fluid source in a portable wheeled cabinet;

coupling a first end of a drain conduit to said used fluid receptacle, said drain conduit including a drain pump and a first extension terminating in a free opposing end;

coupling a first end of a supply conduit to said fresh fluid source, said supply conduit including a supply pump and a second extension terminating in a free opposing end;

providing a remote pump actuating means coupled to said drain and supply pumps and including selection means for operably actuating either of said pumps;

placing said free ends of said first and second extensions in said power steering fluid reservoir below said upper fluid level;

alternately actuating said drain and supply pump with said selection means to repeatedly drain and fill said power steering fluid reservoir in increments while holding said remote pump actuating means; and

repeating said alternately actuating step to complete power steering fluid exchange.

Claim 41 (New): The method for exchanging fluid as set forth in claim 40 further comprising:

providing a first flow control means in said drain conduit for opening and closing said drain conduit; and

opening said drain conduit with said first flow control means prior to actuating said drain pump.

Claim 42 (New): The method for exchanging fluid as set forth in claim 40 further comprising:

providing a second flow control means in said supply conduit for opening and closing said supply conduit; and

opening said supply conduit with said second flow control means prior to actuating said supply pump.